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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): HIRAOKA, Jun

For: SHEET FEEDER

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of seventeen (17) pages
- ☒ Five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-248565 filed in JAPAN on August 28, 2002.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

|   |              |              | LARGE ENTITY  | SMALL ENTITY |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| BASIC FEE   |              |              | \$750.00      | \$375.00     |
|   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE FEE      | RATE FEE     |
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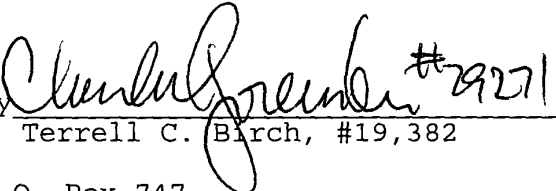
- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,030.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
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